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REA'S FIRST WAC PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT

Anita E. Johnson, REA's first WAC, has been upped to the rank of 1st Lieutenant, she says in a recent letter to her former cronies in Central Files. "Immediately after I heard the good news," she said, "I rushed out to the PX to buy myself some silver bars, as befitting my new and exalted station in life. No bars. I dashed all over town to find some -- still no bars. So I finally had to celebrate my promotion in gold bars and many other bars but no silver bars."

Lt. Johnson extends her sympathy (?) to Arthur Korpi, erstwhile Central Filer, who recently received greetings from President Roosevelt, and as a result thereof has joined the Army.

BALL AND SMEDBERG
CO-OPERATE; RESULT:
THE USS RINEHART

The Rate Section and Design and Construction are still co-operating, says Lt. (jg) George A. Ball, writing from the U. S. S. Rinehart. The Rinehart, you see, has just been completed and had the finishing touches put on her by Lt. (jg) Merle Smedberg, at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Hence, the co-operation, says Ball, who has temporarily shelved Rates in favor of marine engineering.

REA MOBILE UNIT IN FOREIGN SERVICE

Lt. H. Lester Reynolds, USNR, formerly of REA's Insurance Section, ran into an REA mobile generating unit recently and, he writes, it warmed the cockles of his heart to see the familiar insignia so far from home. The unit was doing a swell job as substitute for a power plant that had been destroyed by fire. Lt. Reynolds says he felt proud to know that the REA mobile plant was in the foreign service.

Sidelight on Lt. Reynolds' naval career: he has traveled 43,000 miles since reporting for active duty October 1, 1942. A year later he was promoted to his present rank.

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MAIL SAYS HALE HAS WHALE OF TIME IN NEW YORK

Dyed-in-the-wool New Yorkers will shed a silent tear when they hear of what Ensign Kenneth Hale and family did on his day off there recently. Ensign Hale, former REA Tech Standardite, and now stationed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, gathered up his brood for a look at little old New York. First they went out to the boardwalk at Coney Island, then back to 14th St. and 5th Avenue where they caught a double-decker bus and rode to the end of the line (169th St, Washington Heights.)

Ensign Hale lived at the Dixie Hotel in the heart of Times Square for a time, then found an apartment in Brooklyn on Ocean Avenue, just two blocks off the EMT subway.

There, Gothamites, is that enough nostalgia?

NOTES FROM ALL AROUND

Bob Creager, former Finance man, who has successfully eluded our attempts to locate him for almost a year, has finally turned up. He's Pay Clerk aboard the USS Sculptor, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco.

Also located, after a long absence from the Roll Call's columns, is Lt. Howard G. Hembree, D&Cer, now at Fort Monmouth, N. J.

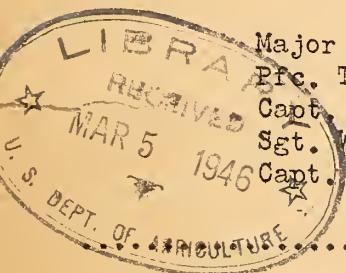
Capt. Don Basler V-Mails to say he has arrived in England after a calm trip over, devoid of sea-sickness. He comments on the English hospitality and courtesy and on the small fields and thatched roofs found in the country. Don spent Christmas weekend in London.

Old-timers among REAers may remember Harold E. Jones, former newspaper publisher and economist, who was a statistician in the old Information and Research Division. The Navy has reported him as missing.

J. Warner Pyles passed the cigars and candy in REA last week when his son Donald became the daddy of Den, Jr. When Junior was four days old, his daddy received his wings in the Army Air Corps.

GOING UP!

Here is the latest crop of REAers who have added stripes, bars, chevrons, and other insignia to show that they are no longer what they used to be. When you get YOUR promotion, drop the Roll Call a line, and watch for your name to appear in "GOING UP."



Major Stephen J. De Simone
Pfc. Theodore A. Barrody
Capt. Elmer A. Loetterle
Sgt. William R. Coleman, Jr.
Capt. Lorne M. Holdaway

Major Everett J. Raushenberger
Sgt. Norma L. Lewis
1st Lt. Anita E. Johnson
Cpl. Joseph Kubek, Jr.
Lt. H. L. Reynolds

BRIEFS

Cpl. Joseph W. Davis and Staff Sgt. Bill Naughton, two Finance-ers in England, are planning to get together in London any day now. . . . Cpl. Joe Kubek writes that it is cold in the African mountains, despite what you see in the "B" pictures. . . . Lt. Joseph M. Davis (don't confuse him with the other Joe Davis) has been released from the hospital and is now on duty at the Richmond (Va.) Army Air Base. . . . Lt. (jg) Herman Harns was transferred from Norfolk, Va., to the Naval Air Station at Lakehurst. . . . A mimeographed list of names and addresses of all REAers in the services is now in the works. Many readers of the Roll Call have asked us for one. It'll be sent to all of you as soon as its finished. . . . After a long stay in balmy Camp Murphy, Fla., Lt. Jim Oberholtzer was uprooted and assigned to Fort Monmouth, N. J., where, at last report, he was slowly freezing. "It could be worse," he adds philosophically. "I could have been sent to Alaska." . . . Pvt. Sam Lambrinos, Solicitor's Office, is not disillusioned over the Aleutians. Fact is, he likes it up there. . . . Col. Thomas A. Lane, brother of REA'er Regina Lane, was military governor of Salerno for a time during 1943. . . . Copies of Span are enclosed by courtesy of REA Athletic Association. . . . WRITE THE ROLL CALL